



H.Res. 1316 – Honoring the service of the Navy and Coast Guard veterans who served on the Landing Ship Tank (LST) amphibious landing craft during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Operation Desert Storm, and global operations through 2002 and recognizing the essential role played by LST amphibious craft during these conflicts

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1316 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative James McGovern (D-MA) on June 26, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1316 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1316 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the essential role played by Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs) during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, and many other military and humanitarian operations;
- Honors the service of the Navy and Coast Guard sailors who bravely served their country aboard the LSTs;
- Acknowledges the debt modern amphibious operations owe to the LST sailors and ships in pioneering the multiple missions carried out by amphibious landing craft; and
- Commends the many volunteers of the USS LST Ship Memorial who have preserved the LST 325 as a living memorial in honor and remembrance of the ships and veterans in their service.

BACKGROUND

Landing Ship Tank (LST) was the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto shore. Congress authorized the construction of LSTs during World War II. Over 1,000 of these vessels were constructed during that war. During the D-Day operation, LSTs evacuated 41,035 wounded Allied soldiers from the Normandy beaches to England.

Landing Ship Tanks were also used during military campaigns in Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. The last LST, the *USS Frederick*, was decommissioned in 2002.

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